

(C) be held accountable for and required to make good to the United States the amount of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made by such officer or employee, as well as for any payment prohibited by law or which did not represent a legal obligation under the appropriation or fund involved.

(2) Relief by Comptroller General

The Comptroller General may, at the Comptroller General's discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for any payment otherwise proper if the Comptroller General finds—

(A) that the certification was based on official records and that the certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained, the actual facts; or

(B) that the obligation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohibiting payments of the character involved, and the United States has received value for such payment.

(c) Enforcement of liability

The liability of the certifying officers of the United States Capitol Police shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as currently provided with respect to the enforcement of the liability of disbursing and other accountable officers, and such officers shall have the right to apply for and obtain a decision by the Comptroller General on any question of law involved in a payment on any vouchers presented to them for certification.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title I, §107], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-103.)

§ 207e. Deposit and use of funds reimbursed to Capitol Police for law enforcement assistance

(a)(1) Any funds received by the Capitol Police as reimbursement for law enforcement assistance from any Federal, State, or local government agency (including any agency of the District of Columbia) shall be deposited in the United States Treasury for credit to the appropriation for "general expenses" under the heading "Capitol Police Board", or "security enhancements" under the heading "Capitol Police Board".

(2) Funds deposited under this subsection may be expended by the Capitol Police Board for any authorized purpose, including overtime pay expenditures relating to law enforcement assistance to any Federal, State, or local government agency (including any agency of the District of Columbia), and shall remain available until expended.

(b) This section shall take effect on July 24, 2001, and shall apply to fiscal year 2001 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 107-20, title II, §2802, July 24, 2001, 115 Stat. 184.)

§ 208. Suspension of Capitol Police members

The captain of the Capitol police may suspend any member of the force, subject to the approval

of the two Sergeants at Arms and of the Architect of the Capitol.

(R.S. § 1823; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, §1, 41 Stat. 1291.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 1823 derived from acts Mar. 3, 1873, ch. 226, 17 Stat. 488; June 20, 1874, ch. 328, 18 Stat. 86; Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 129, 18 Stat. 345.

CHANGE OF NAME

Change of name of Architect of the Capitol, functions abolished, transferred etc., by prior acts, see Codification and Prior Provisions notes set out under section 161 of this title.

§ 209. Pay of Capitol Police members under suspension

On and after March 3, 1875, whenever a member of the Capitol police or watch force is suspended from duty for cause, said policeman or watchman shall receive no compensation for the time of such suspension if he shall not be reinstated.

(Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 129, 18 Stat. 345.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on a proviso in act Mar. 3, 1875, popularly known as the "Legislature, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1876".

§ 210. Uniform, belts and arms; Capitol Police

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall select and regulate the pattern for a uniform for the Capitol police and watchmen, and furnish each member of the force with the necessary belts and arms, payable out of the contingent fund of the Senate and House of Representatives upon the certificate of the officers above named. Such arms so furnished shall be carried by each officer and member of the Capitol Police, while in the Capitol Buildings (as defined in section 193m(1) of this title), and while within or outside of the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds (as defined in section 193a of this title), in such manner and at such times as the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives may, by regulations, prescribe.

(R.S. § 1824; Pub. L. 92-607, ch. V, §507, Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1508; Pub. L. 95-26, title I, §112, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 87.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. § 1824 derived from act Mar. 30, 1867, ch. 20, §1, 15 Stat. 11.

AMENDMENTS

1977—Pub. L. 95-26 struck out "at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars per man," after "furnish each member of the force with the necessary belts and arms,".

1972—Pub. L. 92-607 directed that the arms be carried in the Capitol Buildings and within and without the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds according to regulations prescribed by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

§ 210a. Uniforms to display United States flag or colors

(a) The uniform of officers and members of the United States Park Police force, the United